



Citizen Police Advisory Review Board

Notes

The Citizen Police Advisory Review Board met on Tuesday, November 21, 2006 at 5:40 p.m. at the Downtown Library, Basement, 101 N. Stone, Tucson, Arizona.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Members Present:

Ed Ware
Tom Clark
Evelyn Alvarez
Cindy Schiesel, Chair
Michael Elsner (arrived at 5:47)

Representing:

Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 6

Absent Members:

Susan Thornton, Vice Chair
Hector Morales

Mayor
Ward 5

Advisory Members Present:

Bruce Cameron
Joaquin Murrieta
Jennifer Lopez

Absent Advisory Members:

Daniel Knieter

Ex-Officio Non-Voting Members Present:

Liana Perez, Equal Opportunity Employment, Independent Police Auditor
Captain Terry Rozema, Tucson Police Department

Others Present:

Kris Page-Iverson, City Attorney's Office
Deputy Chief Kermit Miller, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Bob Jimenez, Tucson Police Department
Officer Larry Lopez, Tucson Police Department
Sergeant Sandy Sellers, Tucson Police Department
Officer Meredith Gietzke, Tucson Police Department
Ron Manzi, Guest
Gretchen Nielsen, Guest
Joseph Cates, Guest
Roy Warden, Guest
Beth Tidwell, Recording Secretary, City Clerk's Office

2. Approval of Notes of October 17, 2006

Motion by Ed Ware, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 4 to 0 (Vice Chair Susan Thornton, Michael Elsner and Hector Morales absent) to approve the notes of October 17, 2006 with corrections. Item number 7 should read Report on Rapid Response Team by Lieutenant Sanford Levy Item number 8 should read Brief overview of TPD protocols with regard to juveniles by Sergeant Paul Hawks.

3. Call to the Audience

Ron Manzi stated drinking and driving laws should to be enforced no matter who you were.

Gretchen Nielsen spoke about the people who demonstrated on Speedway in front of the recruitment office.

4. Presentation of new Board Members

Chair Schiesel introduced Evelyn Alvarez from Ward 3 and noted that new Board member Hector Morales had not attended recent meetings due to an illness.

Ms. Alvarez said she was a realtor and was happy to be on the Board.

(Michael Elsner arrived at 5:47)

5. Presentation by Police Chief Richard Miranda to welcome new CPARB members and explain his view of the citizen oversight process

Police Chief Richard Miranda welcomed the new members to the Board. He explained how he appreciated the insight of the Board because it allowed the department to review their actions and policies. Police Chief Miranda liked the fact that the Board was not shy and mentioned he enjoyed working with the Board and that TPD was open to their comments and suggestions.

6. Report and comments on the annual CPARB training day held on October 21, 2006, at the police academy

Chair Schiesel thanked everyone for making the Board's training day excellent, including Captain Harper, Lieutenant Stamatopoulos, Lieutenant Wilson, Sergeant Jimenez, Sergeant Puglia, Sergeant McCarthy, Detective Green, Detective Moody, Detective Mockbee, Officer Lopez, Officer Zbojnewics and Officer Beller.

Chair Schiesel thanked Liana Perez and the Mayor and Council for supplying the funds for the required training.

Board members expressed their appreciation for the training and the value of being in situations that officers find themselves in daily.

7. Report on the relationship between TPD and the UA police department by Captain Terry Rozema

Captain Rozema explained there was an intergovernmental agreement between the Tucson Police Department and the University of Arizona Police Department. He said they had an excellent working relationship and pointed out that the University had their own separate dispatch and areas of responsibility. Occasionally they assisted each other, as in some cases when the University police help in traffic accidents that were close to their vicinity.

Captain Rozema said they work together each year on the Back to School Program to help educate new students on safety issues. Some topics that were covered included indulgence in drinking, theft and rape.

Captain Rozema said the Red Tag Program played a role when university students were involved in criminal acts. The faculty was informed of the violation to determine what type of sanction the University would impose on the student, if needed.

8. Office of Independent Police Auditor

A. Outreach Report

Liana Perez, Independent Police Auditor, stated she had gone to see if she could meet with Ms. Sexton at the Speedway Recruitment office but Ms. Sexton was not there. Ms. Perez intended on going out to the recruitment office to see if the group was interested in the offer for mediation. She noted that without a commitment from both sides there would be no mediation dialogue.

B. Monthly Contacts

There was no discussion.

9. Tucson Police Department

A. TPD Updates

Captain Rozema announced the December meeting would be his last meeting on the Board because he was being transferred to Midtown. Captain Bob Shoun would be replacing him.

Captain Rozema said the discipline matrix had been reviewed within the Tucson Police Department and from comparison, there had been a thirty-percent reduction since the program was implemented. He said there were fewer complaints against the officers, suspensions had increased significantly and there were less progressive natures in written reprimands.

Deputy Chief Kermit Miller, Tucson Police Department, said there was another committee designed to see if there was a way to speed up the discipline process once a complaint had been made. If discipline was needed, they wanted to minimize the time lapse from the allegation of misbehavior to the disciplinary action.

B. Office of Internal Affairs

There was no discussion.

10. Random Review of TPD Investigations

1. Case #06-0470

Captain Rozema explained this case was a C3, which meant the case was closed in internal affairs because there was basically nothing to investigate. In this particular situation, the lady was upset because no arrest was made when she was unable to identify the driver who had hit her car.

Case #06-0470 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0. (Vice Chair Susan Thornton and Hector Morales absent)

2. Case #06-0495

Captain Rozema said the discrepancies in this case were that the officers did not indicate the geographical area where the money was found and they did not write the denominations of the money on the envelope.

Case #06-0495 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0. (Vice Chair Susan Thornton and Hector Morales absent)

3. Case #06-0506

Captain Rozema said the department got calls about officers' driving behavior from time to time, but when the callers were asked if they wanted to file a complaint the usual response was no.

Captain Rozema explained the cases they had reviewed were low profile and did not have much reporting or follow up action involved.

Case #06-0506 was found to be a fair and thorough investigation by a voice vote of 5-0. (Vice Chair Susan Thornton and Hector Morales absent)

11. Recess

By consensus, the Board decided to forego a recess.

12. Review of Citizen comments submitted to Mayor and Council in reference to TPD during the past month

The Board asked if there were cameras downtown to detect crimes.

In response to the Board's question, Deputy Chief Miller said Tucson did not have cameras downtown at this time, but they were moving forward to purchase cameras for speeding and red light violations.

Deputy Chief Miller gave a brief description of the Target Program and how they assisted with funding and in some areas of expertise with cameras.

Board members wanted to know who followed up on Mayor and Council comments.

Liana Perez said they were delegated to different departments and suggested that a presentation be given to the Board in the future explaining how the complaints were distributed.

13. Report by Advisory Member Bruce Cameron on current status of, and plans for, CPARB Website

Bruce Cameron asked the new members for a brief description of themselves to put on the Citizen Police Advisory Review Board website.

14. Report from the Chair/Announcements

There was none.

15. Future Agenda Items

Kris Page-Iverson, City Attorney's Office, was asked to speak on the Citizens Police Advisory Review Board Ordinance, specifically 10A -88.

Chair Schiesel asked the Tucson Police Department to give a presentation on the discipline matrix, to explain C1, C2 and C3 cases, and requested a presentation on how the Mayor and Council comments were disseminated.

16. Adjournment – 7:18 p.m.

MOTION by Evelyn Alvarez, duly seconded, and approved by a voice vote of 5 to 0, (Vice Chair Susan Thornton and Hector Morales absent) to adjourn.